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### THE CHORAL STUDY CLUB.

There are still vacancies in the active membership of the Choral Study Club for soprano, alto, tenor and bass voices.

Applications should be made to Cecelia Johnson, Secretary, 5830 Wabash avenue.

Requirements, 1st voice, 2nd voice, and 3rd, \$1.00 tuition.

Choral practice in singing is one of the most practical and useful experiences a singer can have, as it improves his general musicianship, especially along the lines of sight-reading. Self-control is cultivated by the necessity for careful listening, for steadiness of rhythm and for quick adjustment. To singers who are backward in reading at sight, this practice is invaluable.

—P. T. Tinsley.

### EIGHTH REGIMENT BALL NEW YEARS NIGHT, 7TH REG. ARMORY.

The 8th Infantry, Illinois National Guard, will give a Ball at the 7th Regiment Armory 34th street and Wentworth avenue on New Year's night, January 1, 1912. It is planned by the officers to make this one of the biggest social affairs of the season, and contrary to former balls given by the regiment no ceremonies will be had, thus giving the patrons ample opportunity to dance from early eve until the wee sma' hours of the morning. The famous 8th Regiment band with its full quota of ninety pieces will dispense music to which the merry New Year dancers will trip the light fantastic toe to their heart's content. Tickets are out and in the hands of any officer of the regiment and at Rankin's drug store, 36th and State streets. No charity ball will be given on this night, so be in readiness for this big ball.

### LOOK! READ! THINK!

#### \$200 Given Away.

Six big prizes will be awarded at the 2nd annual ball given by the Colored Railway Men at Coliseum Annex, 15th street and Wabash avenue, New Year's night, Monday, January 1, 1912. Prizes—1st prize, \$65.00 brass bed donated by the Goldenberg Furniture Co., on exhibition at Langeman's Drug Store, 3032 State street; 2nd Prize, \$50.00 overcoat, on exhibition at Lewis Brothers' Tailor Shop, 2928 State street; 3rd Prize, \$30.00 gold watch (lady or gentleman), on exhibition at J. M. Siders, 2916 State street; 4th Prize, \$30.00 gold watch (lady or gentleman), on exhibition at W. E. North's Jewelry Shop, 3710 - State street; 5th Prize, \$15.00 dinner set, on exhibition at Kanne's Fair, 2920 State street; 6th Prize, a beautiful decorated stand lamp, donated by Harrell's Electric Shop, 2933 State street. Music by Prof. Boorman's Orchestra. Admission 50 cents. Save your coupon and win one of these prizes.

The times are hard and the lid is tight, but we are all Coliseum bound on New Year's night.

### IN THE MATTER OF MACK WILEY'S APPLICATION FOR PARDON.

Cook County, State of Illinois.

Notice Is Hereby Given, That at the January Term, A. D. 1912, of the Board of Pardon, application will be made for the pardon of Mack Wiley, who was convicted at the May Term A. D. 1904, of the Criminal Court of Cook County, for the murder of George A. Aray, and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Joliet.

### Life Is One Darned Thing After Another!

Did it ever occur to you that a man's life is full of crosses and temptations. He comes into this world without his consent and goes out against his will and the trip between is exceedingly rocky. The Rule of Contraries is one of the features of the trip. When he is little, the big girls kiss him. When he is big, the little girls kiss him. If he is poor, he is a bad manager. If he is rich, he is a dishonest. If he needs credit, he can not get it. If he is prosperous, every one wants to do him a favor. If he is in Politics, it is for graft. If he is out of Politics, he is no good to his country. If he does not give to charity, he is a stingy cuss. If he does give, it is for a show. If he is actively religious, he is a hypocrite. If he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner. If he gives affection, he is a soft specimen. If he cares for no one, he is cold blooded. If he dies young, there was a great future for him. If he lives to an old age, he missed his calling. If he wants to have a good time and a large evening, Great Precious, he will go to the First Regiment Uniform Rank, K. of P.

#### Annual Ball

At Coliseum Annex, 15th & Wabash Av.  
Christmas Night, Dec. 25, 1911  
AND FORGET IT!



MAJOR R. R. JACKSON.

Major General of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, Chairman of the Christmas Ball at the Coliseum Annex.

## National and Local Theatrical and Stage Notes

Edited by the Stroller or by the Man on the Corner

### PEKIN THEATRE.

This was the last week of the Carib which played to fair houses throughout its two week's engagement.

### GRAND.

Colored acts on the bill was Gillum Williams Comedy Four and 4 white acts.

### MONOGRAM.

Pekin Four, Miss Knox and others.

### NEW THEATRE FOR NEW YORK.

Plans for the erection of what will be the finest theatre in the world, built and financed entirely by Negro capital will be located at 138th st., between 5th and Lenox aves., Harlem. People living in New York have seen the necessity of such an enterprise. The Board of Directors are Thos. Johnson, formerly part owner of the Crescent Theatre. President Harry Kraton, the World's greatest Hoop Roller, Vice President Fred R. Moore, Editor of the Age; Treas. Lester A. Walton, the Dramatic Editor of the Age, Sec'y. The investment is quite large, \$175,000. The lots comprise a frontage of a 100 feet and a 100 feet deep. The building will contain Lodge rooms, the capacity of the theatre, will be 1,500. The lodge rooms will be welcomed by all lodges. These rooms will be 80 feet wide and 90 feet deep. \$50,000 worth of stock is on the market at \$10 a share and it is said all will be taken up through the different lodges, guaranteeing six per cent interest the first year on the investment, and a substantial increase thereafter. It will be one of the finest little play houses in greater New York consisting of Main Floor and Balcony with 32 boxes and 10 loges, 10, 20 and 35 cent vaudeville with the best photo plays will be presented and there is not a theatre in the city where Colored shows can be booked only at certain times during the season. Such attractions as S. H. Dudley and Black Patti will play this house during the regular seasons. Should this new enterprise meet with success, other cities with large Negro populations will follow suit.

Here is a partial list of the so called Colored Theatres owned and operated by white men, but catering to the Negroes and considered nothing, but Jim Crow Theatres, Howard Theatre at Washington, D. C.; The Grand at 31st and State, Chicago, Ill.; The Monogram, 31st and State, Chicago, Ill.; Crown Garden, Indianapolis, Ind.; The Walker Theatre, (now building) at Indianapolis, Ind., at Memphis, Tenn.; The Pekin and 4 others, at Atlanta, Ga.; The Central and 3 others, Hot Springs, Ark.; The Majestic at Washington, D. C.; there are about 4 picture houses in Texas, Dallas, Houston, Galveston, and Austin, all are Jim Crow. Mississippi and Tennessee are the same. North and South Carolina, Florida, outside of Jacksonville, St. Louis, Mo., Kansas City, Muskogee, Okla., Louisville, Ky., this is not all, but enough to attract attention, even New York city, has two, the Crescent and Lincoln with a number on South St., at Philadelphia, Pittsburgh boasts of two on Wylie Ave., Alabama is largely represented. At the Alham-

bra this city this week should be evidence enough that if our business men would get together and put up such a building as the one in New York that it would be a paying investment. I can safely say that the attendance this week to see S. H. Dudley is over 90 per cent. Negroes, which means that Messrs. Barton & Wiswell, the owners will reap about \$5,000 of Colored dollars, and if we had a theatre large enough we could play the Smart Set and get the same amount. Business men wake up.

Mr. Chas. Barton was in the city this week closing up the affairs of the Down in Dixie Minstrels, which closed. Mr. Barton states that it is almost impossible to make a show a success without a well known star of a reputation, hence the failure of The Dandies. Mr. Barton was well pleased at the business Mr. Dudley is drawing this week. He also states that next season, Mr. Dudley will be surrounded with a positive sensation in the way of a musical comedy.

Miss Lottie Grady, was a caller at the Alhambra this week to meet her warm friend, Mrs. S. H. Dudley. Miss Grady was formerly leading lady for The Smart Set, she occupied a box during the matinee. She also gave a dinner party to Mrs. Dudley and friends on Wednesday.

Mr. Henry Troy made his appearance with the Smart Set, although he has not been here for several seasons, by the reception he receives he has not been forgotten and his voice has not lost its sweetness, his rendering of "Memories" brought back days of his singing his great success. Just One Word of Consolation, which made him the matinee idol. Mr. Troy shares honors with Mr. Dudley as being responsible for Dr. Beans from Boston.

Reports from Washington say that Miss Aida O. Walker drew about a \$1000 house on Thanksgiving week, at the Howard. Just write to her managers and see what the managers paid her for the week. Her appearance at the Howard was no novelty, as she was at that house for three weeks, last season doing the same act, singing "Shine," and "Porto Rico," which has been her vaudeville offering this season.

Louisville, Ky., is having its theatrical troubles. The Ruby closed on account of fire. Bad management and non-payment of salaries at the Lyre, causing much dissatisfaction and trouble. Some day the business men of that city will get together and open a respectable theatre as that city is one of the best for a theater.

Mr. Ed. Gaither of Cincinnati has decorated his little picture theatre very prettily and in the future will not play vaudeville, five cents admission. This move on his part may have something to do with the report that he would secure the New Lyceum, formerly the Magnolia for vaudeville.

Miss Daisy Martin with the Dudley show is a brand new one on us, that smile, those eyes, was the cause of all the lower boxes being sold at a premium, all week. Boys she had you going. All Ginger girls do.

Moore & Jenkins are a new team, Moore is said to have a chance with the best as a singer and dancer.

The Kemps are at the Temple, Detroit, this week.

Musical Spillers, Bridgeport, Conn., this week.

Fiddler & Shelton, Ft. Wayne, Ind., this week.

Aida O. Walker, Providence, R. I., this week.

The Frogs will give a big entertainment and dance at the Casino, New York, Jan. 29th. Hon. Ed. Green has been invited to give an address.

At present Chicago is the mecca for lay off acts. Two Minstrel shows having closed and came here. The game is getting very hard. The vaudeville got quite a set back on going into the Cox Booking Office, and on the walls was posted in big letters, no acts booked, but whit rats. Cox had quite a lot of time for Colored acts, but the only house he can book them in now, is the Grand.

The Musical Byrons, were in town from the Michigan Circuit.

It looks like everybody is becoming stage struck not a day passes, but that some one is at the Pekin rehearsing, what they have written "Tallaboo," is the cause of all this contention.

W. H. Smith, saw the Smart Set, Wednesday night. The guest of the manager, H. C. Dittmas.

Rube Foster and friends occupied a box, Wednesday night. The guests of Mr. Dudley, Rube and Dudley are from Texas. So Dudley had to show his towns fellow.

Subscriptions have started to guarantee the reappearance at the Pekin during the holidays of that great success, "Tallaboo."

A new act will shortly be seen, Miller, Harris and Cooper. The latter is better known as Kinky and late of the disbanded "Rag Time Trio," Miss Cooper will do a short season working with Miss Lizzie Wallace in vaudeville at the Monogram next week, afterwards joining Miller and Harris.

Miller and Lyles at Denver this week are expected home to spend Xmas.

Bud Smith who cancelled with Wise and Millions act is going it alone having been secured by manager Leon Motts as entertainer in the Pekin Cafe. Mr. Tom Lemonier has written him a number of new selections, his greatest hit backed up by the buffet, chorus is entitled. Come away. Come away. Come away.

Mr. S. H. Dudley received by express from Louisville, Ky., a consignment consisting of 3 mules, which he will use in a new act, one of which is the smallest in the world. Sherman Jr., is the manager and sole proprietor.

Died at Copenhagen, Den., Eugene King of the team of King and Bailey on Nov. 22nd, of hasty consumption the remains are to be sent to this country.

### FIVE ROOM FLAT TO RENT.

Free Rent to Jan. 1, 1912.

Newly decorated five room flat to rent 5025 Armour ave., call at that number and inspect it, free rent to the right party until Jan. 1, 1912.

### WAYMAN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

Next Sunday night will be given the first of a series of illustrated sermons by the pastor on the subject, "Great Characters of the Bible and of Modern Times." These sermons are to be helpful and practical, dealing with important questions, a special effort is being made to reach all classes. Sunday morning, Dec. 10th and 17th, the subject will be on the Beatitudes.

The evening choir, under the management of B. Emanuel Johnson, is doing splendid work. Several new voices have been added to the choir; they will furnish special music for Xmas and last Sunday in the old year.

A Watch Night services as in olden days. Both the morning and evening choir will sing at the night service.

The Sunday school will give a cantata Xmas night; title, "Catching Kris Kringle."

Special preparations are being made for a revival at the church to be held the first of the year. Wednesday and Friday nights are preparatory services up to the first of the year.—"H."

### SHERIFF'S SALE

Of Capt. George Wellington Streeter's Interest in the District of Lake Michigan.

Tuesday morning, December 19th, at 10 o'clock sharp, at the east door of the new County Building, Clark street entrance, the sheriff of Cook county will sell to the highest bidders for cash, all of the right, title and interest of Captain George Wellington Streeter, in the District of Lake Michigan.

More than one thousand lots will be sold separate or any way to suit the purchasers, ranging in prices from \$10 a single lot on up.

The Sheriff's sale is to satisfy the \$10,000 judgment, interest and cost, which Attorney William G. Anderson obtained against Captain Streeter in the courts of Cook county some years ago for securing his release from the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill.

Mr. Anderson has waived all of his rights under the former Sheriff's sale, which was held in October, 1910, in order to get at the foxy old Captain's interest in the district of Lake Michigan in a shorter and more effective way.

Fuller details of the Sheriff's sale will appear in the next issue of The Broad Ax.

### MOTHER OF 24 AND NO TWINS.

Detroit, Dec. 7.—In a divorce case here Mrs. Mary Schaidt, mother of Mrs. Martha Kowalski, was the deponent. In reply to a question she said:

"I am the mother of twenty-four children, none of them twins."

"Where do you live?"

"At 430 Roosevelt avenue."

She failed to understand the laugh that followed.

This sister is alright and it would be mighty nice if some of our upper ten Colored society ladies, would assist Mrs. Schaidt, to repopulate the earth.—Editor.

### The Storm.

I started out serenely clad  
With suit and coat, the best I had.  
It was a night of perfect bliss;  
The stars were shining down like this:

But after awhile a fearful cloud  
The shining stars did soon enshroud;  
The thunderbolts began to hiss,  
And lightning flashed above like this:

Z Z Z Z Z Z Z Z

I feared my brand new clothes were doomed.

As blackish clouds above me loomed.

No shelter near, I had to cuss

When rain began to pour down thus:

—Fort Worth Record.

### A Few Changes.

"Well, well," said the man who had wandered back to the old village. "So the Eagle House is still the Eagle House. No change after twenty years."

"There have been a few changes," responded the oldest inhabitant. "Since you've been gone the hotel has been respectively the Grand Central, the Grand Union, the Grand Junction, the Great Northern, the Great Southern, the Imperial, the Regal, the Empire, the Regent and the Mansion House. She's just starting around the circuit for the second time."—Pittsburg Post.

### Country Breakfast.

I hate to see

The summer go

An' think uv frost

An' hall an' snow.

I hate to eat

By candlelight

An' see the day

Turn into night.

But there's no loss

Without some gain.

An' there are things

To ease one's pain.

Though summer's gone

An' fall is here.

Good buckwheat cakes

Fill me with cheer.

—Judge.

### CHIPS

Mrs. Corriene Eggleston, 3624 Vernon avenue, is on the sick list this week and she is anxious to get well, so that she can enjoy the coming holiday season.

George Hight, part owner of the Budweiser Buffet, 5050 State street, says "that of all the weekly newspapers in Chicago, The Broad Ax is the best paper of the entire bunch."

The Knights of Pythias, this week, through their Supreme Attorney, S. A. T. Watkins, paid the last dollar of their indebtedness on their building on the southwest corner of 33rd and State streets.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Holt, 3004 State street, gave a free Thanksgiving dinner last Thursday to all who applied for it, and about 400 people helped to eat up the nine big turkeys and other good things which were in sight.

Neal Garrett, an old-time railroad man, who ran for twenty-seven years between St. Louis and Hot Springs, Ark., died last week in the first named city. He was well-known in Chicago.

Mrs. Sarah Blaney, 4424 Dearborn street, gave a surprise Thanksgiving supper to some of her friends last Thursday evening. Plates were laid for sixteen. Good music and singing was indulged in, while the guests enjoyed the repast.

Miss Grace Knighten, Sister of Mrs. A. F. Tervalon, 5004 State st., is at the present time, traveling in India, and in a recent letter to her sister, she sent her kind regards to the writer, for which we feel thankful and we wish her a safe return to her mother country.

It is high time for the Boston Guardian and Chicago Board Ax to let up on the Ulrich-Booker T. incident, for the country and the world have long since grown tired of the mess. However, those yellow sheets can not harm Dr. Washington in the eyes of sensible people should they throw mud for a thousand years.—Our Review, Little Rock, Ark.; Brother Woods, please do not tear your shirt off, the writer is not in the mud slinging business and only the plain truth has been stated in these columns from time to time in relation to Booker T. Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Buckner, of 5801 La Salle street, entertained at whist in honor of Mme. Anita Patti Brown, who will leave Saturday for Jamaica. Their beautiful home was decorated with Xmas suggestions and flowers. After a very elaborate luncheon was served, all enjoyed a choice selection by Mme. Brown. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waldon, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Mitchem, Mr. and Mrs. Max Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Ferguson, Mrs. Margaret Dorsey, Mrs. L. Smith, Mrs. Wm. Heiser, Mr. Bert Lewis and Mr. Stephen Buckner.

Edith Early, in the court of Domestic Relations, Tuesday Judge Charles N. Goodnow, presiding and after two days jury trial, a verdict was returned by the jury against Albert W. Ford, 3411 Forest avenue. She proving in open court, that he is the father of her fatherless bright little boy who is now almost two years old. Mr. Ford, made a motion for a new trial and if denied it, he will appeal the case to the Appellate court, for he feels confident that he can prove in a higher court his innocence in this respect. Col. John R. Marshall, Maj. John C. Buckner, and Oscar De Priest, were in court, ready to testify to his good character, but they were not called on to do so. Miss Edith Early for a long time resided in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ford and she claims it was during that period that they became intimate.

### Unfortunate.

Tyre Dunt—I am unfortunate, mum, I had to quit my profession on account of my health.

Lady—But you look rugged. What was your profession?

Tyre Dunt—Dat's just it, lady. I was too rugged. I was a ventriloquist, an' a good one, lady, an' my voice got so strong I couldn't throw it.—Harper's Magazine.

### A Fair Guess.

Said the teacher to Johnnie, "What is half of one-third?"

And John, unaccustomed to such Vague things and obscure, said, "I don't know for sure."

But it can't be so awfully much."

—Woman's Home Companion.

### Different.

"Ma'am, here's a man at the door with a parcel for you," said the new maid.

"What is it, Bridget?" answered the mistress.

"It's a fish, ma'am, and it's marked 'C. O. D.'"

"Then make the man take it straight back to the dealer. I ordered trout."—Housekeeper.